

## A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



The City needs your help with a new program we are calling **Killeen Up!** This is not just a beautification effort but a call for all of us to take greater pride in our city.

The city can create and enforce ordinances, but we cannot create pride. Pride starts with our own homes and businesses and then permeates our community. It starts with you.

Every day as you leave your home and move about your neighborhood, you probably notice things that are unsightly or seem out of place. I am calling on you to take action today. Whether it is a lawn that needs mowing, litter that needs collection, or graffiti that needs removal, Killeen needs you. When you

see something, say something.

Our dedicated city staff works every day to enforce ordinances, but a large part of their work is helping residents understand what problems exist at their properties and how to correct them. You know your neighborhoods best, so if you see something you don't like, the city staff stands ready to help.

Homeowners, property managers, and business owners, we are counting on you to get involved. And it doesn't stop at your property line. If there is a nuisance, the city staff wants to know about it because no matter how small, it reflects on our entire community.

Please commit today to taking pride in our city and **Killeen Up!**

Dan Corbin, Mayor

## PARDON OUR PROGRESS

If you have driven through Downtown Killeen lately, you cannot help but notice the tremendous amount of construction. This is our Downtown Streetscaping Project that will transform Avenues C and D from 4th to 8th Street.

The project began in August and has involved demolishing sidewalks, grating streets, and removing lights and signals.



New curbs are now being installed which will edge new sidewalks and crosswalks. The streets will be repaved and new lighting and landscaping added.

While there is still a lot of work to go, the project remains on schedule for completion in

the spring of next year.

*Because of the construction, the annual Christmas Parade route will be changed this year. Visit [www.killeentexas.gov](http://www.killeentexas.gov) to view the map.*

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## LAY A HOLIDAY WREATH AT THE VETERANS CEMETERY

The Friends of the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery invite you to participate in the annual Wreath Project.

The Friends lead a community effort to express our remembrance and appreciation for veterans and their families during the holidays by placing a wreath at each grave in the veterans cemetery.

Your support is needed more than ever to prepare, lay, and

retrieve more than 3,500 wreaths.

Make the Wreath Project one of your family's holiday traditions.



### WREATH PROJECT SCHEDULE

#### Wreath Preparation

Saturday, November 17 - 10 am  
Killeen Special Events Center  
3601 S. W.S. Young Dr.

#### Wreath Laying Ceremony

Saturday, November 24 - 10 am  
State Veterans Cemetery  
11463 S. SH 195

#### Wreath Retrieval

Sunday, January 6 - 2 pm  
State Veterans Cemetery  
11463 S. SH 195

[www.wreathsforvets.org](http://www.wreathsforvets.org)

## HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Do you have room in your heart to give a shelter animal a warm home for the holidays?



Puppies and kitties are always at the top of kids' holiday wish lists, and there is no better place to make those wishes come true than the Killeen Animal Shelter.

Check out all the pets that need safe, loving homes online at [www.killeentexas.gov](http://www.killeentexas.gov), or come to the shelter at 3118 Commerce Drive.

### HOLIDAY CLOSURES

City offices will be closed on the following dates:

**November 22 & 23**  
**December 24 & 25**  
**January 1 & 21**

Emergency services and garbage collection will operate without interruption.

*Happy Holidays  
from the City of Killeen!*

## TIPS FOR A SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON

As we all get into the holiday spirit, now is a good time to remember ways to keep your family and your property safe this season.

**Never drink and drive or ride with someone who does!  
Always designate a driver.**

### Holiday Shopping Safety

- Do your shopping as early as possible to avoid the chaos of crowds
- Keep your purse, wallet, and packages close at all times - it only takes a second for someone to grab and go
- Lock all of your packages and valuables in the trunk of your car
- Always lock your car, and never leave valuables like cell phones, navigation devices, or iPods in plain view

### Home Safety

- Festively wrapped packages are an invitation to burglars - place gifts where they can't be seen through doors or windows
- Secure your home by locking every door (including the garage door) while away, no matter how short a time you will be gone

- Leave window shades in normal positions if you are going away, even just overnight
- Place lights on timers to make it look like someone is home
- Set your security alarm every time you leave

### Fire Safety

- Only use artificial trees labeled "fire resistant"
- Be sure to buy a fresh live tree as dried out trees are a serious fire hazard
- Check all the bulbs and cords on light strands before using them
- Never use electric lights on a metallic tree
- Never use lighted candles on or near a tree
- Make sure outdoor lights are certified for outdoor use

### Be a Good Neighbor

- Know your neighbors, their children, and their cars
- Report suspicious activity
- Offer to watch your neighbor's home while he is away, and ask him to do the same for you
- Start a Neighborhood Watch

**See Something...  
Say Something!**

## I'M DREAMING OF A GREEN CHRISTMAS

Reduce, reuse, and recycle at the annual Christmas tree recycling event January 5th.

Residents are invited to drop off their Christmas trees January 5th from 9 am to 2 pm at the Special Events Center on W.S. Young Drive.

Keep Killeen Beautiful and the Public Works Department will collect the trees, chip and shred them, and offer them back to residents as landscaping mulch. Twenty-five lucky participants will even receive a free new tree to plant in their yards!

For more information call Volunteer Services at 501-7878.



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## MUST-SEE HISTORIC VIDEO SERIES

The City of Killeen embarked on a project to capture Killeen's history on film. The result is four short-format videos that can be viewed online or on television.

Stories of Killeen's history are brought to life through interviews and photographs as viewers travel back in time to the city's founding in 1882. The audience watches it transition from rural farming community to railroad town to military town to modern city.

## TEE-RIFIC GIFTS

Treat the golfer in your life to a tee-rific holiday with gifts from Stonetree Golf Club!

Stonetree's full service pro shop is stocked with all the brands and products on your golfer's wish list. Choose from an array of golf balls, tees, clothing, shoes, bags, clubs, and more. Don't forget the Stonetree gift certificate for a perfect stocking stuffer.

Do your holiday shopping at Stonetree. For more information call the pro shop at 501-6575.

## FLY KILLEEN FOR THE HOLIDAYS

As you make plans to visit family and friends this holiday season, remember the convenience and ease of Killeen-Fort Hood Regional Airport.

Served by three commercial airlines, the airport offers a host of flight options with twenty departures and twenty arrivals daily. American, Continental, and Delta offer direct flights to hubs in Dallas, Houston, and Atlanta.

The airport is close to home and features hassle-free parking, quick and easy check-in, and a variety of terminal amenities.

So this season, skip the stress when it comes to holiday travel - fly Killeen!

As Killeen continues its downtown revitalization efforts, it is important to promote not just historic resources but also stories that make our city unique. Both newcomers and long-time Killeenites will learn something new from these videos.

All four videos are available online at the city's website, [www.killeentexas.gov](http://www.killeentexas.gov). Videos can also be viewed on the city's government channel, Time Warner Cable Channel 10-10.

## LIKE US TODAY!

Stay up to date on the latest city happenings: "like" our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/KilleenTexas](http://www.facebook.com/KilleenTexas).



The page allows you to interact with the city around the clock. Check out breaking news, event details, photos, and useful links.

You can share with friends, send us your feedback, and post questions to get answers about city business whenever it is most convenient for you. "Like" us today!

### Keep these helpful tips in mind for your holiday trip:

- Book your flight early to secure the best flight time and ticket price.
- Verify the status of your flight with the airline on the day of travel.
- Arrive at the airport 90 minutes before your flight time.
- Know the TSA's latest regulations and pack accordingly. Visit [www.tsa.gov](http://www.tsa.gov) for current information.
- Be flexible and stay positive.



## FUN FOR ALL AT HOLIDAY UNDER THE STARS

Holiday Under the Stars is almost here, so make plans now to attend this annual celebration December 1st at the Killeen Community Center!

The festivities officially kick off at 8 am with pancakes at Breakfast in Toyland and the Jingle Bell Dash 5K run.

The fun zone opens at 10 am with food, games, a petting zoo, a snow hill, skating on the synthetic ice rink, and much more.

Santa will join the fun at 6 pm to light the city's 50-foot holiday tree. Then he will meet with boys and girls to listen to wish lists and pose for photos.

An outdoor showing of the holiday movie *Arthur Christmas* begins at dusk in the amphitheater. Bring a blanket and settle in for free cookies and hot cocoa courtesy of Keep Killeen Beautiful.

Don't miss Holiday Under the Stars! For more information, call Parks & Recreation at 501-8889.



## ANNUAL OUTDOOR DECORATING CONTEST

Do you have a holly jolly home? Is your lawn merry and bright?

Then enter your festively decorated home in Killeen's annual Outdoor Decorating Contest!

Complete the form on the city's website and email it with a digital photo of your home to [wbrewster@killeentexas.gov](mailto:wbrewster@killeentexas.gov) by November 30th.

Residents will vote online for their favorite displays, and awards will go to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners!

For more information, call Volunteer Services at 501-7878.

## FEAST OF SHARING

Join the City of Killeen and HEB for the 5th annual Feast of Sharing community meal December 18th from 4 to 8 pm at the Civic and Conference Center.

The Feast of Sharing is completely free and open to everyone. Come connect with neighbors and enjoy the holiday cheer with live entertainment, fun activities, and a hot plate of delicious food!

For more information call Volunteer Services at 501-7878.

## ICE RINK TO OPEN FOR WINTER SEASON

Get ready for another season of winter fun on the city's synthetic ice skating rink!

The rink opens December 1st at Holiday Under the Stars and remains open through December 29th at the Killeen Community Center.

Operating hours are Monday through Friday, noon to 9 pm, and Saturday, 10 am to 4 pm.

Admission is \$5 per person per day and includes ice skates.

You can even reserve the rink

for parties and events. Add some seasonal charm to your next party and wow your guests with unforgettable fun on ice!

To reserve the rink or for more information, call Parks & Recreation at 501-8889.

Make the most of winter weather at the synthetic ice skating rink!



*The rink will be closed for the holidays December 23rd-25th.*

## PARADE CELEBRATES 50 GOLDEN YEARS

The City of Killeen will host its 50th annual Christmas Parade December 8th at 4:30 pm in historic downtown Killeen.

Be there for the magic as dozens of entries wind through



the streets showcasing the spirit and cheer of the holiday season!

This year's theme is "Celebrating 50 Golden Years." Come out early to get the best spot to watch this special community tradition.

Due to construction from the downtown streetscaping project, the parade route has temporarily changed. For a map of this year's route, visit the city's website at [www.killeentexas.gov](http://www.killeentexas.gov).

For more information call Volunteer Services at 501-7878.

## LETTERS TO SANTA

Santa's helpers are collecting letters from boys and girls in Killeen! Just drop your child's letter in the box at the Community Center or Family Recreation Center, and Killeen's elves will make sure it gets to the North Pole.

Letters should be addressed to: Santa Claus c/o The North Pole. Don't forget to include your return address so Santa can write back!